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Dear Families,

It was lovely to attend the service at St John the Baptist Church last Sunday. The choir and Mrs Stoner did an amazing job. The church had some technical issues with the sound system but our choir took on the challenge and sang some of the songs without music. Thank you to our parents for supporting us with this.

We had our EYFS and KS1 reading workshops in school this week and thank you to all our parents who attended. Reading is so important and is the key to children accessing all aspects of the National Curriculum.

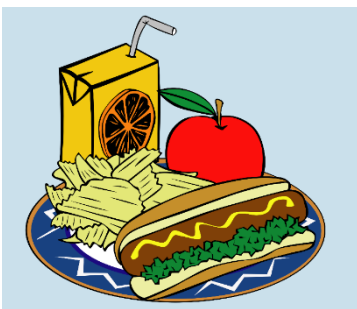
Our hardworking PTA have been finalising all of the necessary arrangements for our Sponsored Bounce next week. They are looking for volunteers to help them inflate the bouncy castle. Our children can't wait.

Do have a lovely weekend.

Jane Sharrock

CHARTWELLS NEW MEAL ORDERING SYSTEM

Please ensure you order meals in time for the children's return after the Easter holiday.



FSM, UIFSM and paid meals must be selected 10 days in advance - parents have until 11.50 pm on Thursdays to place meals via ParentPay. We are here to help if you have any queries.

If you have ordered a Chartwells meal for your child on a particular day, please do not send in a packed lunch on that day, as the meal will go to waste.

MARCH BOOK REVIEW BY MRS LAX

I really enjoy reading atlases. It can take you anywhere in the world! You can discover where countries are across the world, find places on maps and explore what countries are like.



AUTHOR VISIT

Children in KS2 had a visit by author David Fuller, creator of 'Alfie Jones'. David spoke to the children about his difficulties at school as a result of being dyspraxic but how his love of writing has led him to a career as a children's author. He shared with the children the ingredients needed to write a good story. It was fantastic to welcome David to St John the Baptist, and it was pleasing to see how enthusiastic the children were as a result of his visit.

Order forms for his books have been emailed again to you, on the off chance there are any children who would like a signed copy of one of David's books. He was also featured in the 'Author Spotlight' section in our first edition of 'Love to Read'.



CHURCH SERVICE – SUNDAY 5 MARCH

On Sunday 5th March, our school choir attended a family service at St John the Baptist Church to provide the choral backdrop to an event to raise awareness of homelessness and the work of the Worthing based 'Turning Tides' charity. The children's well rehearsed contributions did much to encourage a large congregation to 'sing up'. Well done to our school choir and to Mrs. Stoner who has been rehearsing hard with the choir.



KS2 ANGMERING MILE – MONDAY 6 MARCH



Well done to the KS2 children who represented our school in the Angmering Mile after school today. All the children completed the course, with William finishing 3rd overall in the boys race, and Mia 7th in the girls race. Fantastic running from everyone.

NEWS FROM THE PTA

The Sponsored Bounce/Pedal is next Tuesday! We have had a few forms back, so thank you for the sponsorship money received so far. We need all forms back by the end of the day on Monday please for those children who wish to participate. We hope everyone will join in!

Letters have gone home regarding the 'I Love You Day Sale' next week. We are looking forward to seeing the children after school on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th March.

We just wanted to take a minute to say that we understand that not everyone can come to PTA meetings regularly, if at all. We value any support, however you can give it to us here on the committee. We really do appreciate all volunteers, even just giving up an hour of their time to help at an event occasionally.

We have plenty of sporadic, undemanding tasks that would be amazing to have help with. For example, researching entertainment for events or investigating possible PTA grants one evening, while sat at home, getting in touch with local businesses and friends/family to obtain donated raffle prizes or even chopping onions at home before a BBQ and counting leftover drinks cans for an hour or so post event! We never ask for more than you can give time wise but anything you can give is so valuable in helping to raise much needed funds for our village school - thank you!

For any more information on any of the above, please email findonpta@gmail.com
The PTA Team



Recent Correspondence

- PTA 'I Love You Day Sale' flyers
- Y2 Parents – KS1 SATS meeting at 2.30 pm

Spare copies are available from the school office.

DATES FOR 2023



We have added **extra dates in red** to the list below, so please make sure that you regularly check the dates and update your diaries.

Tues 14 Mar	PTA Sponsored Bounce and Pedal
Thurs 16 Mar	PTA 'I Love You Day' sale (after school) – letter to follow
Fri 17 Mar	Red Nose Day
	PTA 'I Love You Day' sale (after school)
Mon 20 Mar	Invited Y5s - Choral Workshop at Christ's Hospital
Mon 27 Mar	Reception Health Screening
Tues 28 Mar	Reception Health Screening
Wed 29 Mar	Year 2 Parent meeting – KS1 SATS (2.30 pm)
Thurs 30 Mar	Easter Service at school
Fri 31 Mar	Easter Bonnet Parade
w/c 3 Apr	Easter Holiday
Sun 16 April	PTA 'Grand National Run' – info to follow
Mon 17 Apr	INSET Day
Tues 18 Apr	Back to school
Tues 25 Apr	Bag2School Collection at 9 am
Mon 1 May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 8 May	Bank Holiday – Coronation of King Charles III
May	Year 2 Assessments will be carried out during May
Tues 9 – Fri 12 May	Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments
Fri 12 May	Non-Uniform Day – In aid of Summer Revels
Sat 13 May	Summer Revels
w/c 29 May	Half- term holiday
Mon 5 June	INSET Day
Tues 6 June	Back to school
w/c 12 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Fri 16 June	Rowan, Holly & Oak visiting Butser Ancient Farm – details to follow
Mon 26 June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.15 pm)
Fri 30 June	Class Photos
Mon 3 July	Year 6 Online Safety lesson with Sussex police
Wed 5 July	Secondary Transition Day for Year 6
Thurs 6 July	PTA Summer Disco
Thurs 20 July	Leavers' Service at church